

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the applicant's communication received on December 12, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892).
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948).
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08).
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material.
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application.
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413).
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment.
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 are allowed.

Drawings

2. The drawings filed on December 2, 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with Stephen Schaefer on March 1, 2007.

4. Claim 13 has been amended as follows:

13. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium ~~or propagated signal~~ having embedded thereon executable instructions that when executed cause a processor of an application system in a multiple-system environment having a central system that maintains central data objects that are shared by the multiple systems to:

in response to receiving a message from a system, the message identifying data objects having version identifiers assigned by the central system, compare the version

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identifiers of the data objects in the message to version identifiers of corresponding data objects stored in the local cache of the application system;

request, from the central system, a most recent copy of the data objects in the central system if the version identifiers of the data objects stored in the local cache of the application system indicate that a more recent version of the data objects exist; and

update the local cache of the application system with the most recent copy of the data objects in the central system.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Applicants' response filed on December 12, 2006 overcomes the prior art rejection under 35 USC § 102(b) by Mohan et al.

The prior art of record does not render obvious to one ordinarily skilled in the art at the time of applicant's invention nor anticipate the combination of claimed elements including receiving a message from a first application system, the message identifying a data object having a version identifier assigned by the central system; requesting, from the central system, a more recent copy of the data object in the central system if the version identifier of the data object stored in the local cache of the second application system indicates that a more recent version of the data object exists; and updating the local cache of the second application system with the more recent copy of the data

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object in the central system as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claims 9 and 13.

The remaining claims, 2-8, 10-12, and 14-20 are dependent claims, thus these claims are patently distinct over the art of record for at least the above reasons.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CONCLUSION

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

Helmuth Trefftz and Ivan Marsic, "Distributed Virtual Environment: Message Caching for local and global resource optimization in shared virtual environments", Proceedings of the ACM Symposium on Virtual Reality Software Technology VRST'00, October 2000, pages 97-102.

NAME OF CONTACT

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cottingham can be reached on (571) 272-7079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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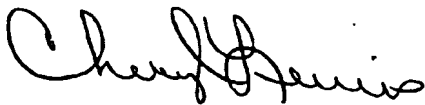
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Lewis". The signature is stylized with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Cheryl Lewis
Patent Examiner
March 1, 2007